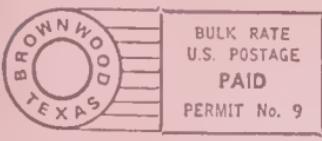




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Next month's feature article will be "A Commentary On Mexican Silver Coins by Lance A Dohe of San Diego, Calif. Don't miss it

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line for the December
issue of TNA NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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One of the high points in numismatics each year is the annual convention of the American Numismatic Assn. In attendance are representatives from every section of the United States, also Canada, Mexico and Europe. Friendships are renewed, ideas exchanged, discussions are held and, occasionally, an idea is developed to benefit the membership as a whole.

There is a meeting of club representatives similar to the TNA governors and club representatives breakfast meeting. Some years this meeting, held during the ANA convention, benefits every ANA member and club. This year was an exception! Breakfast was served and a few remarks were made by the governor in charge. One suggestion was presented from the floor which met with a negative response from the chairman and a staff member from headquarters. The reaction of the membership in attendance was favorable.

The above is mentioned for one purpose - that is to urge each TNA club to send a representative to the annual TNA convention and urge that representative to participate in the meeting. The person in charge

of this meeting always asks for comments from the floor.

Several TNA members were award winners in exhibits. Each is to be congratulated. Also three TNA members received 25-year silver membership pins - Bill Howard, Johnny Rowe and Ellis Brooks.

Due to date changes for the 1980 TNA convention we are without a dealer to conduct the auction.

To secure adequate space in a hotel is next to impossible. A numismatic convention requires much space and the participants do not require enough sleeping rooms to make it profitable for the hotel.

If TNA desires to grow, and it should, the annual convention must be held in a city with adequate facilities and sufficient population to support 125 to 175 dealers and to attract a good auction firm. The burden is heavy for most coin clubs to furnish enough personnel to adequately conduct the business of the convention. A thought to consider: TNA should plan for the future.

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LATIN AMERICAN NUMISMATICS

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THE VALLEY OF ANAHUAC

For centuries before the arrival of the Indians and the Spanish the area which is now the Republic of Mexico presented a wide variety of geographical features and diversified plant and animal life. One of the major geographical features of Mexico is a large valley in the center of the country. It is called the Valley of Anahuac or the Valley of Mexico.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —

(Continued from page 4)
sibly within four or five years, to conduct the annual convention in a similar format to that of ANA

The TNA NEWS has been very interesting and informative these past few months, however, the editor does need material. Clubs - send your news each month. It may be old news to the sender but fresh news to all others

Dues notices will be in the mail within a month or two. Help the secretary by remitting promptly as reminder notices take time and are also expensive. A reminder - new members signed up now get a 'free ride' for the remainder of 1979 and all of 1980

The Valley of Anahuac, about 40 miles wide and stretching about 60 miles north to south, is characterized by fertile fields, a plentiful supply of water, and a pleasant year round climate. Anahuac is at an altitude of about 7800 feet. The annual rainfall of 23 inches and fertile soil encourage the growth of crops.

In 1519 the valley consisted of marshes and five major lakes which the Indians named Zumpango, Xaltocan, Texcoco, Xochimilco and Chalco. On the southeastern corner of the valley are the majestic snowcapped volcanoes Ixtaccihuatl and Popocatapetl. Anahuac attracted the earliest Indians to it. They were followed by other Indian groups and finally by the Spanish. The Valley of Anahuac was the prize of those who were strong enough to defend it from others. Those who were able to control the valley could control much of Mexico.

There is evidence that the Valley of Mexico may have been inhabited as early as 20,000 B.C. As time progressed, these natives developed the bow and arrow, learned to use fire, and began to plant crops. Until the development of agriculture, Indians were hunters and gatherers, often

forced to make seasonal migrations. The Indians of Mexico learned to plant and cultivate maize or corn. From maize they made tortillas and mush. They roasted the whole ear, chilled it, learned how to store it, and used it to make intoxicating drinks. Squash, beans, peppers and other plants were later cultivated. The planting of maize was a decisive step in the forming of permanent settlements in Anahuac. Maize became the basic food of Mexico.

With the establishment of permanent villages in the valley, the knowledge of the Indians progressed rapidly. They learned to grow and weave cotton, manufacture pottery, make clay and stone figures, and they developed religions and fertility cults.

One of the results of the permanent settlements was the establishment of ruling classes and religious leaders. The influence and power of these two classes are evident in the large amount of labor they were able to harness to build pyramids and buildings. The various Indian groups began to exhibit intellectual and aesthetic creations but brutality and cruelty were also developed.

Not much is known of the earliest inhabitants of the Valley of Anahuac. The earliest known cities are Cholula and Teotihuacan. The Toltec Indians are thought to have built these cities or to have later inhabited them.

The earliest group of Indians to live in Anahuac about which much information is known are the Toltecs. They migrated from northern Mexico and settled in Anahuac. They imposed their culture on the inhabitants and incorporated much knowledge and

culture from the people they conquered into theirs.

The Toltecs were skilled craftsmen and builders, and they invented a form of writing. They also built an empire which stretched from the Tropic of Cancer to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. By the 11th century their war canoes ventured as far as Yucatan and brought much of Yucatan under their control. The Toltec empire was based on predatory warfare and coercion.

Many of the cultural and scientific advances of the Toltecs were based on the legendary god Quezalcoatl who introduced the best of all the Mexican cultures to the Toltecs. He is credited with teaching numerous skills, ideas, and concepts to them. Quezalcoatl may have been an idealized combination of several Indian leaders. The legends concerning his return contributed to the fall of the Aztecs.

By the middle of the 13th century their empire began to crumble when the Toltecs started to fight among themselves. Many of their cities were abandoned and others were conquered. As the Toltecs were declining, the Valley of Anahuac saw new occupants moving in. The Chichimecs from Northern Mexico moved in and began building cities among the marshes on the valley floor. They overpowered the remaining Toltecs and took possession of the valley. They held Anahuac only briefly before another tribe of wandering Indians entered Anahuac—the Aztecs.

At the beginning of the 14th century the Aztecs were a small tribe of wandering Indians in the area north of Anahuac. According to their legend



they were to establish their city where they found an eagle with a snake in its mouth, perched on a cactus. This sign became the national emblem of Mexico. It is found on many of the coins and notes of Mexico.

The Aztecs, led by their chief Tenoch, found the sign they were looking for and established their city on the marshes of Lake Texcoco in about 1325 AD. Their first dwellings were mud and reed huts. Within 100 years the Aztecs learned much from their neighbors and became the dominant tribe in Anahuac. To build Tenochtitlan, their capital they filled in much of the lake and connected

their city with the mainland by causeways. Tenochtitlan is the Nahuatl (an Aztec dialect) term for "the place of the Tenochli." The Tenochli is the prickly pear cactus which appears on the national emblem.

The city itself was quite impressive with its large buildings, open plazas, wide streets, and colorful markets. Surrounding Tenochtitlan were other islands, many man made, on which the Aztecs grew crops and flowers.

The pine covered mountains ringing the valley of Anahuac annually poured rain water and runoff from the snowfields into the valley, contributing to the marshes and lakes. Until

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historic times the water had no outlet out of the valley. During flood season the waters caused problems for Aztec engineers. A dike about seven miles long was built across Lake Texcoco, east of Tenochtitlan to prevent the city from being completely flooded by any rapid rise in the level of the lake. Despite the size of the five lakes in the valley floor, they were not very deep and the valley floor is level. Not much water was needed to raise the lake level.

The Aztecs copied much of the cultures of previous inhabitants of Anahuac. They inherited what the Toltecs and Mayas and other tribes had developed especially in the arts and sciences and incorporated it into their culture.



MEXICAN NATIONAL EMBLEM
Obverse of 1948 5 peso

The Aztecs controlled the Valley of Anahuac until the arrival of the Spanish. The conquistadores were impressed by the Aztec cities but were as equally impressed with the valley. The Aztec city of Tenochtitlan became the capitol of New Spain and like their predecessors, the Spanish used Anahuac as a base for exploring



CUAUHTEMOC, LAST AZTEC EMPEROR
Reverse of 1948 5 peso



2 PESO 1921
Shows volcanoes Ixtaccihuatl
and Popocatepetl

and conquering Mexico.

When the Spanish first arrived in Anahuac they saw an impressive sight. Struggling through the pass below Popocatepetl, the whole valley of Anahuac with its lakes and cities spread out before them. Pine forests gave way to cornfields, to villages with orchards and gardens, and to the lake shore towns of Xochimilco, Iztapalpan and Texcoco. Beyond these towns the causeways led to Tenochtitlan.

The entire Valley of Anahuac was once heavily forested but the Indians and especially the Spanish cleared the land. It is said that the Spanish unnecessarily cleared the land. The reason being the cleared fields reminded them of their beloved plains in Spain.

The Spanish built Mexico City on Tenochtitlan which was still in the center of Lake Texcoco. Serious efforts to drain the lakes and marshes were not begun until 1840. In the 1870's Mexico City had a population of about 200,000 but it was still in the center of the marshes. Lake Texcoco was about four miles wide and numerous small villages dotted the lake shore. Fruits and vegetables came to the city by canals as they had in Montezuma's time.

The Valley of Anahuac and its inhabitants have been honored on many numismatic items. We have already mentioned the Mexican national emblem which originated from an Aztec legend in Anahuac. This emblem can be found on coins, paper money and the national flag.

The copper 20 centavos issued from 1943-1974 shows the Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan. The size of the pyramid is greater than that of the pyramids in Egypt. In the background of the design is shown the two volcanoes Popocatepetl and Ixtacihuatl. These two volcanoes also appear on the 2 peso silver commemorative of 1921.

Teotihuacan is a large archeological

zone in Anahuac which has numerous pyramids and other structures. Many authorities credit the city as having been occupied by the Toltecs. One of the structures in Teotihuacan is a pyramid with numerous effigies of the god Quetzalcoatl or the plumed serpent. This archeological zone is perhaps the most famous one in Mexico since visitors to Mexico City often visit the site. Many people mistakenly believe that Teotihuacan and Tenochtitlan are the same cities. They are not. The Aztecs never lived in Teotihuacan. The city was abandoned many years before the arrival of the Aztecs. They believe that the city was built by gods or giants at the same time that the sun and stars were made.

The last Aztec chief, Cuahitemoc is honored on several coins including four different issues of 50 centavos coins struck from 1950 - 1979. He is also honored on the 5 peso of 1947-1948. Part of the Aztec calendar stone is used for the design on the 5 centavos struck from 1936-1942 and the 10 centavos issued from 1936-1946. The Aztec calendar stone appears on gold 20 peso coins struck between 1917-1959.

The Valley of Mexico was also the location of the first mint of the Americas. A mint was established in 1535 in colonial Mexico City. The first coins struck were crude but as time progressed the Mexico City mint began to issue high quality coins for which the mint is famous.

instead of the 5th. Please make that notation on your calendar. The deadline for the December issue will be November 1. Don't forget!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The deadline for submitting copy to the editor for TNA NEWS has been changed to the first of the month

COURTNEY OFFING'S COIN CORNER

WHAT COINS TELL US - NUMISMATIC ZOO - Part II

(The following article appeared in the March 1963 issue of TNA NEWS, one of a series submitted by Courtney Coffing of Sidney, Ohio, formerly of Texas. Courtney is a longtime member of TNA and we are proud to reprint the series. - Editor)

Last month we visited the animals in our numismatic zoo, and found many familiar faces. But have you ever visited a mythological zoo? Here we truly find creatures out of this world. Mythology and superstition and legend probably account for most of these. To visit such a zoo we need only to open the drawer to our coin cabinet and examine these odd creatures before us.

Probably the most famous horse is from ancient Corinth - the eternal horse winged Pegasus. Pegasus was fabled to have sprung from the body of Medusa at her death. With a blow of his hoof, he caused Hippocrene, the inspiring fountain of the Muses, to spring from Mount Helicon. In the fourth century B.C., this famed animal first appeared on coins. Before then, even as now, as regular as sidereal time, he galloped across the heavens in the constellation bearing his name, and is familiar to the star gazers. A stater of Corinth was named the Pegasi, after the horse Pegasus. And today, we also see him on modern coins - and even over many service stations as the symbol of "Flying Horsepower."

A harpy was a monster usually represented with a woman's head and

upper torso and a bird's wings, tails, and claws. The harpies are usually malign creatures who reputedly snatched up and carried off the souls of the dead or execute divine vengeance by seizing or defiling the food of their victim. Originally, they seem to have been personifications of devastating winds. Their number varies in different accounts; as three, they are Aeilio, Ocypete and Celaeno. One is called Podarge in Homer's Iliad. Harpies are seen on coins in such widely scattered areas of the world as ancient Greece, East Indiesland and the German City of Edinen Nuernberg. Germany depicted a bald eagle with the bust and crowned blond head of a young woman. Leuban, Germany also showed the bust of a mother holding a child, combined with two thirds of the Silesian eagle. Both of these latter creatures probably would have to be classed as harpies.

On coins of Ueberlingen, Germany we find a lion with a man's head. Probably the origin of this creature goes into Greek mythology, and we call it the "Sphinx." Recent Egyptian coins also show the huge Sphinx at the pyramids of Giza, which is 172 feet long and 66 feet high. The Harmachis, or The Rising Sun, is an

androssphinz, a recumbent lion with a man's head. To the Egyptians the Sphinx embodies the idea that it typifies enigmatical wisdom being derived from the Greeks.

On our coins we will also find satyrs - those sylvan deities of demi gods, often represented with the tail and ears of a horse, given to riotous merriment and lasciviousness. Satyrs are found especially in the train of Dionysus, and are considered to be a mythified form of a Thracian tribe, the Satrae, of Dionysus worshipers.

On the coins of Baden, Germany and Latvia we find griffins. In the myth the gold of Sythia was said to be under guard by griffins. These monsters, half lion, half eagle, were used as a common decorative type in Greek and Roman art.

Dwelling in the mountains of Thesaly were the descendants of Ixion, the Centaurs, coming from a mythical race. Conceived as wild and coarse, their animal nature was shown in their bodies, half man, half horse. We also find these in the coin cabinets.

A famous animal of mythology was the Unicorn, the monoceros, having a single horn. A Scottish gold coin of the 15th and 16th centuries was called a Unicorn, since it portrayed the figure of a unicorn on the obverse. The coin weighed 59 grains.

Another feminine monster lying in the recesses of our cabinet, only on a coin, thank goodness, is the chimaera. She is represented as vomiting flames, and usually having a lion's head, goat's body, and a dragon's or serpent's tail. Or a lion's body and head, together with a goat's head rising from

the back in the way we see her. The chimaera was killed by Bellerophon.

Common on both ancient and modern coins is the fabled phoenix. The bird was reputed to live for 500 years, or longer in Arabia. By its own act it could be consumed by fire, and then would rise in youthful freshness from its own ashes, to live another 500 years. Hence, the phoenix is often an emblem of immortality and especially in Christian art, is a symbol of the Resurrection.

A fabulous animal, generally represented as a monstrous winged and scaly serpent or lizard or saurian, with a crested head, enormous claws, and breathing fire, is the dragon. We often see this creature, so famous in fairy tales, on our coins from China and Japan, South Africa and Great Britain.

Probably in this section, due to the legend involved, we should include the bitch-wolf and those twin brothers, Romulus and Remulus, the traditional founders of Rome. We can see the brothers suckling the wolf on many common coins of Ancient Rome.

An interesting legend concerning Mexico is seen extensively on her coins. The wandering, nomadic tribe of the Aztecs was searching for an area in which to live, and were told to seek the eagle holding a serpent in its mouth, sitting on a rock from which a cactus was growing. Coming upon Lake Texcoco, in the vicinity of the present-day airport of Mexico City they saw the symbol they were seeking, and became a great force in the valley in the shadow of Popocatepetl and Ixtacihuatl, the two sleeping lovers represented by the nearby mountains. More next month.

THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR

N.L.G.



EDITOR

In January, 1980, TNA will be 20 years old and we should celebrate that glorious occasion with a grand birthday party but we will hold off until the convention in Houston on May 2, 3, 4 at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. Let's make the annual Charter Member reception a real celebration. We need volunteers to help organize that celebration and carry it out. If you have any thoughts on this and would like to assist, please let me know.

According to an unofficial treasure map we ran across, there should be \$1,805,000 worth of gold and silver at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico along the Texas coast. In 1875, The Jessie, The S. J. Lee, and The Texas Ranger went down at the mouth of the Rio Grande near Brownsville and in 1877, The C. Woodhouse sunk in the same area. Then in 1880 The Marie Theresa, The Carrie Thomas and The Lea landed at the bottom of the Gulf, the first two near Corpus Christi and the latter just off the coast of Brownsville. The Lea carried the most money - \$1,000,000.

For four days recently, anxious officials at Frost National Bank and

the J. C. Penney store at Ingram Park Mall in San Antonio, searched frantically for a bank bag containing \$48,130.88. The bag containing the money had been set aside for an armored car to deliver it to the bank. The money was never deposited and a search was started. The bag and its contents were found later reportedly tossed on a pile of empty bags at the bank. That was a four-day sweat!

When George Raft, the movie star, was a popular figure at Times Square dance halls in New York, he met Ben "Bugsy" Siegel, the gangster, and they became so-called pals. When they went out together Bugsy and Raft always armed themselves with rolls of bank-packed nickels (quarters when they could afford them) as brutal as brass knuckles any night of the week. Legal too. No cop could call U.S. currency a "deadly weapon". Then when Bugsy's girlfriend, Virginia Hill, got in hot water with the U.S. Internal Revenue Department over back taxes, the government stepped in and auctioned all her possessions - house, jewelry, furs - everything. The first thing offered was a leather belt which went for a high bid of \$10.00. Some-

one had floated the rumor that the belt was inlaid with gold coins of a foreign nation and had a miniature roulette wheel mounted on the clasp. Bids on other items soared - everyone thinking they would find hidden treasure

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Our sympathy goes to D. O. Joplin of Levelland whose sister Mrs. Annie B. Crump passed away recently at Garland . . . L. G. Davenport, former TNA governor, is shopping for woolies as he is being transferred to Norway by his company . . . and welcome to Master Albert Euchi Brown who arrived August 9 at the Waco home of Brent and Ellen Brown. . . . you know, people who carry a rabbit's foot for good luck forget what happened to the bunny. . . . adios & thirty

VIKING BRACELET BRINGS \$14,300

Kay Creasey spotted gold glinting in the sand as she combed a west England beach for shells on her honeymoon last year

The glinting gold turned out to be a 1,000-year-old Viking bracelet - which netted Mrs. Creasey and her husband Steve, \$14,300 when it was auctioned recently

The bracelet, a 4-ounce, twisted-rope circle of gold, was dated by experts at 9th or 10th century B.C. It was sold to a London dealer

"I was collecting shells when I saw it half sticking out of the sand," Mrs. Creasey said. "It was below the tide mark and had probably been buried for some while."

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Here's all you have to do to enter competition—submit a typewritten report of club activities during the calendar year of 1979 no later than March 1, 1980 to the TNA News Editor, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596 and include the following:

- 1 Name of club and how many members.
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- 8 Special honors bestowed upon club or any member.
- 9 Describe how your meetings and shows are publicized.
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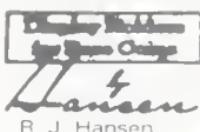
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On July 2, the Susan B. Anthony made her debut on a new dollar. Many people said that the dollar would never make it. A lot of people confused them with quarters. And some thought the coin was quite unattractive.

It would have been better if the designer had used a little variation in the design. He should have made it possible to feel the eight sides of the coin that are visible on the inside of the rim. It would have been less confusing if the dollars had been larger in size. Many people put the dollars into vending machines, this messes up the machine and costs machine operators money. Many merchants complain that there is no place to put the dollars in the cash registers. Even some places have refused to accept them. If this happens, then you don't have to pay, for they refused legal tender.

But not all are against the new dollar. Waitresses say that people leave SBA dollars instead of quarters. They also give you something to talk about.

In my book, if you go according to size, the new dollars are worth about $33\frac{1}{3}$ cents or three for a dollar. But

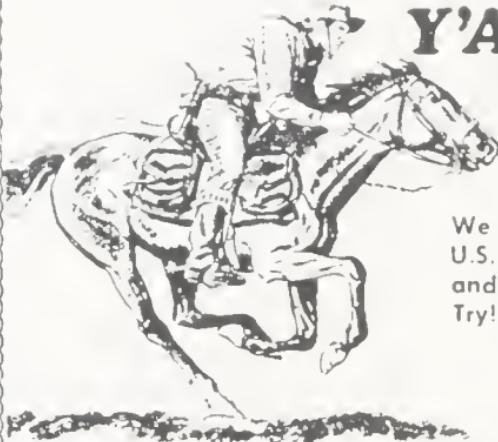
with inflation that is about all a dollar is worth anyway!



Lyman C. Bartee, TNA president, congratulates Bill Howard, TNA District governor, on Bill's 25th year as an ANA member. Bill received a silver 25-year membership medal at the summer convention of American Numismatic Assn convention held in St. Louis.

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WELCOME to new members 3647-3654 and C-1B4 Hood County Coin Club. If approved, the following will become members Nov 1, 1979.

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VIP AWARD

Lyman C. Bartee, TNA President.



Receiving exhibit awards at the ANA convention in St. Louis were Frank Galindo, San Antonio, TNA District 7 governor, Dave Cervin, Amarillo; Richard Schweers, Houston; and Karla Galindo, San Antonio. Cervin and Schweers placed first and second in coins prior to 1500 A.D., Karla placed second in medals; and Frank won second in local interest numismatic material.

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INTEREST IN MEXICAN COINS & MEDALS GAINS

Mexico's most popular numismatic event of 1979 was the striking of a medal showing Pope John Paul II on one side and depicting the Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe on the other, according to Miguel L. Munoz, former president of the Mexican Numismatic Society, as reported in the Silver Institute Letter based in Washington, D.C.

Munoz noted that this medal, one of several minted to mark the first visit of a Roman Catholic pontiff to Mexico, "had a mintage of 210,000 which is, by far, the largest mintage of any medal struck by the official Casa de Moneda mint since its founding in 1535." The papal medal of .900 silver was distributed to the Mexican public through the 800 offices of the BANAMEX S.A. banking organization. Priced to sell at 300 pesos or 13.50 U.S. dollars, this medal was sold out within a few days after issuance, added Munoz.

On Feb. 26, Mexico's central bank, the Banco de Mexico, S.A. began selling the 1978-dated .925 fine silver "Onza Troy" bullion piece which is the only silver mintage now being regularly struck by a government

mint to contain exactly one troy ounce of pure silver. The "Onza" features an antique screw coin press with the legend CASA DE MONEDA DE MEXICO 1978 on the obverse and on the reverse, a balance scale and the legend, UNA ONZA TROY DE PLATA PURA LEY .925 PESO 33.625 GRAMOS. In order to supply the steady demand of Mexican and international collectors, the Casa de Moneda has been producing an estimated 125,000 "Onzas" weekly. In Mexico, the Banco de Mexico, S. A. sells the "Onza" for a premium of between 15 percent and 18 percent over the day's spot price per troy ounce of silver bullion bars.

Another very popular Mexican item among the world's numismatists, according to both Munoz and coin dealer Al Almanzar of San Antonio, is the 1979-dated 72 percent pure silver 100-peso coin bearing the effigy of Mexican Independence hero General Jose Maria Morelos y Pavon. With a coinage estimated at 150,000 the Banco de Mexico's supply was exhausted within a few weeks after issuance. The combination of popularity and relative rarity have increased this coin's retail value from its original price of U.S. \$9.00 in March to a current price of U.S. \$22.50 and up.



Mexico medal shows Pope John Paul II

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Balance as of Aug. 31, 1979	\$ 90.89
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Balance as of Aug. 31, 1979	\$2,520.03
TNA News Continuance Fund Certificate of Deposit	\$3,005.10

HE DIDN'T HEAR COINS JINGLE

Robert Knapp of Chicago carried 16 cents in loose change with him every day for the last five and a half years without ever hearing a jingle!

Doctors discovered the coins - along with a gold ring - lodged in his thigh during surgery last year

Knapp filed suit recently seeking more than \$75,000 in damages from a local hospital and four physicians. His lawyer said Knapp was treated in the hospital emergency room in 1972 following a car accident in which his leg was cut.

"He obviously had the ring and

coins in his pocket at the time of the accident," the lawyer said. "This was all pushed in and the surgeon just sewed up the wound without cleaning it."

Five and a half years later, the suit said, when he was admitted to another hospital where exploratory surgery revealed the penny, nickel, dime and ring.

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IMPORTANT NUMISMATIC EVENT COMING UP NOVEMBER 9-11

Plans continue for the Numismatics International Coin Exposition sponsored by Numismatics International of Dallas and the Organization of International Numismatists. The event will be held Nov. 9-11 at Dunfey Dallas Hotel in Dallas.

Besides having approximately 80 major international coin and paper money dealers, the Exposition will provide participants with several educational opportunities. In that regard Charles Muchmore Jr., NICE general chairman, has appointed Elmore Scott as exhibits chairman and Phil Lawrence as meeting/programs chairman.

Scott noted that exhibit rules and applications are available and outlined the general rules as (1) any competitive exhibitor must be a member (or have an application pending) of Numismatics International or Organization of International Numismatists; (2) exhibits must contain predominantly foreign materials. Exhibit classes will be ancient coins, modern coins (1500 to date), paper money and special (tokens, medals, primitive, etc.).

Ross Schraeder, bourse chairman, reports a good cross section of leading coin and paper money dealers from all over the country and plans are shaping up for the educational programs and meetings of special groups, according to Lawrence.

Hotel reservation cards for the Dunfey Dallas Hotel are now available and anyone wishing further informa-

tion regarding the Exposition, may write NICE at Box 6094, Richardson, Tx 75080.

Muchmore also reported that "Dealer and collector response has been so high this year, we are already beginning to look forward to 1980. We hope to add an auction next year."

COIN SALES NET USOC \$350,000

The funds contributed by the Moscow 1980 Olympic Coin Program to the U.S. Olympic Team rose to \$350,000 with the presentation of a \$250,000 check to U.S. Olympic Committee president Robert J. Kane.

The contribution will be used to help fund training and transportation costs of U.S. athletes for the 1980 games. It was derived from three percent of the face value of all Olympic coins — gold, silver and platinum — sold in the U.S. which has been pledged to the Olympic Committee.

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Submitted by Glen Halsell

On July 26 and 27, four coin companies merged for a pre-American Numismatic Assn. convention auction. It was the most exciting auction this reporter has ever attended, with the bidding for quality material wild and furious. The auction consisted of four sessions of 500 lots each.

Some highlights from each session included the following:

From the first session by Paramount Coin Co., was an outstanding collection of proof and uncirculated gold coins as well as excellent type coins.

From the second session by Stack's

was a collection of original early proof sets from 1866 through 1915. The 1895 set realized \$39,000 while the 1873 brought \$30,000. This session also included superb type gold and silver.

Rarcoa had the third session and began with the Robert P. McNeil collection of Morgan type silver dollars. The branch mint proof dollar of 1893CC brought \$39,000 and the 1893S went for \$33,000. A Brasher doubloon realized \$430,000.

Superior Coin Co. conducted the last session with a complete set of Carson City gold realizing \$102,000 and a proof 1893O half dollar bringing \$62,000.

HOUSTON - 1980

A big weekend is planned for TNA members and guests on May 2, 3, 4, 1980 at the 22nd convention. The spring event will be held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston. Make your plans now - send for a bourse and/or exhibit application, reserve your hotel room, plan to attend the governor's and club representatives breakfast and the awards breakfast, the educational programs, the Charter Member reception when we'll celebrate TNA's 20th birthday (you don't have to be a charter member, just let us know you're coming), and the "much more" which will be listed on the convention schedule. For more information write General Chairman Gerald Kendall P.O. Box 55545, Houston 77055.



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District Meetings

DISTRICT III ·

The TNA District III annual meeting was held July 15 at El Patio Motel in San Angelo with Travis Strother, president of the host club, San Angelo Coin Club, presiding



Melba Coursey
Governor

Melba Coursey, district governor read the minutes of the 1977 meeting as the 1978 minutes were not available

Robert King introduced Lyman Bartee, TNA president, who gave a talk on "What Am I? Coin Investor? Coin Collector? Coin Dealer? or Coin Customer?" He also encouraged club members to join TNA.

Clubs represented were Abilene, Brownwood, Sweetwater and San Angelo who won the attendance award for having the most members present. The 1980 meeting will be held in Abilene.

The July regular meeting of the San Angelo club was held in the Angelus Room of Central National Bank

Travis Strother spoke on "Coin Errors." Bob King and Don Smith conducted the auction and winning prizes were Howard Coleman, Paul Terry and Strother

At the August meeting, members voted to meet at the American Legion

Hall "Plates" was the topic for discussion by Herschel Martin. Conducting the auction were Don Smith and Philip Poor. Prizes were won by Mrs. Paul Terry, Mrs. Rankin Russell and Wilson Korona · Lucille Coleman & Verna Vautrain, Reporters.

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DISTRICT IV ·

Members of Waco Coin Club held their regular meeting at T P & L Service Center on Aug. 9

A short business meeting was held followed by an auction and bourse · J P Jones, Sec.



Robert E. Greenwood
Governor

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DISTRICT V ·

Philip Lawrence was in charge of the program at the August meeting of Numismatics International of Dallas. He gave a talk on "Type Coins of Australia."

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DISTRICT VI -

The 23rd annual Money Show hosted by Greater Houston Coin Club will be held Jan. 25, 26, 27 at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, according to Mark R. Harrison, general chairman and bourse chairman. Harrison is also vice president and secretary of the Houston club.

Over 130 dealers from across the nation will be on hand to buy, sell, and trade. The show will be highlighted by educational exhibits. For further information contact Harrison, Box 35502, Houston 77035.



Gerald Kendall
Governor

SMOKE STACK

The 1951 commemorative five cent piece of Canada, sometimes referred to as the "smoke stack" nickel, has a conventionalized nickel refinery depicted on the reverse of the coin. It commemorates the two hundredth anniversary of the isolation of the metal nickel by a Swedish chemist in 1751.

DISTRICT VII

During the months of September, October and November, members of Alamo Coin Club of San Antonio are meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays. The meeting room of First Federal Bldg., the regular location, was not available on the regular meeting nights.



Frank Galindo
Governor

Freeman Craig gave a report of the ANA convention held in St. Louis at the Aug. 14 meeting followed by an auction. On Aug. 28, Del Cooke conducted a coin grading session on coins of the Middle East.

It was reported that Robert A. Krocker had passed away July 26. Krocker had served the Alamo club as president for two years. - Club Bulletin.

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Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio will be electing new officers soon and Ed O'Conner urged members to attend meetings for this important event.

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coin show to be held in February and also planned was a "cookout" on Sept 23 - Club Bulletin.

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DISTRICT VIII -

Joe B. Davis, Corpus Christi Coin Club president and Dist 8 governor, gave the program at the Aug 14 meeting held at Wilson Tower



Joe B Davis
Governor

Davis spoke on the currency of Brazil and displayed some colorful examples of the paper money. He said that the notes made by the American Bank Note Co. held up good but when Brazil tried printing its own, there was a great difference in as much as the paper was very fragile and did not last but a short time when placed in circulation.

C. H. Roberts was appointed program chairman and he announced that he had eight programs lined up. Dr. Minterey of the Audubon Society was to give a program Sept. 25 on the whooping crane. Jim Catron won the door prize - Club Bulletin.

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DISTRICT IX -

Very little business was conducted at the August meeting of Levelland Coin Club due to low attendance because of stormy weather - D O Joplin, Gov Dist 9

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David McCullen gave a program on Texas treasures at the August meeting of South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock. McCullen noted that treasures lie

within one day's drive of Lubbock. The most famous mine is known as the lost James Bowie Mine thought to be near San Saba.

Kimball Gullery won the door prize and Jim Hall and D. O. Joplin were in charge of the auction. New members include Ernest Mills, Dr. J. H. Oyer and B. E. Stoneking. Forty one were present.

A program on coin grading was to be presented at the September meeting - D O Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9

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A change in location for Lamb County Coin Club's annual show has been made and will be held in the Park Bldg. in Littlefield. The show is set for Nov 4. Show prizes will be Mexican gold coins of 10, 5 and 2½ pesos.

Hanson Ling gave a talk on U.S. gold coins of 1907 and 1908. Joe Markham won the door prize and the auction was conducted by D. O. Joplin and Larry Sanderson. Eighteen members and guests attended - D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.

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DISTRICT X -

The gasoline situation cut down attendance at the Aug. 3-5 collectors show hosted by Spanish Trail Collectors Club in El Paso. However, reports were that the show was a financial success. Dealers reported business was good especially in the higher priced coins.

Members of International Coin



John S. Berger
Governor

Club of El Paso were commended for the splendid job done supervising various displays, renting out cases, etc. - **Frank Fox, Pres**

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Slide set #2 of World Crowns was shown and narrated by Marlin Haines at the Aug. 2 meeting of International Coin Club of El Paso. Forty members attended and 15 set up tables to buy, sell and trade.

Bill Spencer was named bourse chairman for the 18th annual show an Feb. 1, 2, 3. Spencer may be contacted at P O Box 9684, El Paso 79986 or Phone 915 566-1264.

McClelland (Bud) Harris, economist with the El Paso Electric Co. outlined the possible economic future of El Paso in all areas at the Aug. 16 meeting. Harris said the areas included the coin and stamp businesses. Thirty four members and seven visitors attended. Mack Chase won the door prize. - **John N. Berger Jr., Gov. Dist. 10**

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DISTRICT XI -

Labor Day was a holiday for most but members of Amarillo Coin Club planned to hold their regular meeting at First National Bank. A "show and tell" about other hobbies was to be the main program feature.

Members voted to sponsor a \$275.00 scholarship to Amarillo College and to renew Coin World subscriptions for the school and public



Tommy Tompkins
Governor

libraries. Lowell McKown was appointed chairman of the nominating committee and plans continue for the counterfeit seminar to be held Nov 2-3.

Door prize winners were Linda Runkel, Ernest Cummings, J. R. Lopez, P. A. Grove and Ann Wilson. Randy Hayes and Derek Wood were the winners of the junior quiz. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT XIII -

Glen Halsell gave a report on the ANA convention and the Auction '79 at a recent meeting of Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon. Thirty members and guests attended.



Bill Howard
Governor

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lemmond and Mr. and Mrs. Logan Essex of Wichita Falls. Forty lots made up the auction. - **Bill J. Howard, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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Silver dollars sold well at the auction held during the regular meeting of Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club. About 50 members and guests were

NOTE RAISERS

Dishonest persons who alter the figure on paper money to raise the amount are known as "note raisers." For example, they might add another zero to a \$10 bill and try to pass it for \$100. To help detect such an altered bill, those over \$100 have the value spelled out in large letters on the reverse side.

present and eight were juniors

At another meeting there were seven juniors of the 46 present. An auction was held with mostly stamps selling. Mrs Morris Leinmond furnished cake for the refreshments - **Bill J. Howard, Gov Dist 13.**

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DISTRICT XV -

The monthly meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club** was presided over by Dewet Scott, president, at Community Center. Scott also conducted the auction

Reports were given on the June coin show and members discussed plans for a two-day show in 1980. The September meeting was to be held on the 10th due to Labor Day being a holiday - **Lucy Canter, Sec.**

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At the July meeting of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club**, members were treated to a slide set showing of U.S. gold coins presented by Jim Eldridge, club vice president Carol Mounier was to be in charge of the program at the August meeting

Quote from the GPACC bulletin by Pat Mounier "As your ANA club representative, I attended the club rep breakfast at the ANA in St. Louis. This was the worst 'Meeting' that I have ever attended. The breakfast lasted about 40 min. then the president reported that there was a few minutes to 'kill' since the person to make the club awards did not get up in time. The club awards were made. About 10



Jerry A. Williams
Governor

min. went by. Then at almost 9 a.m. the meeting adjourned. There was no discussion on how clubs can help members, how the ANA can benefit clubs, how better communication and rapport can be established, or how to recruit new members by clubs and the ANA. I hope that this is not a sample of the trend to be set by the new slate of ANA officers. I suggest you follow the activities of the new ANA officers and board members and let YOUR VOICE be heard!"

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Sid King gave a program on "Sets For Profit" at the July meeting of **Beaumont Coin Club**. King displayed a 20th century coin set

A discussion was held on the Susan B. Anthony dollar and most present did not care for the coin. Guests were Richard and Billie Villiva and Sally Dowden. Door prizes went to King, Alton Hughes and Billie Villiva. King also conducted the auction. - **Club Bulletin.**



Stopping for a chat and picture taking at the ANA convention in St. Louis were **Frank Galindo, San Antonio, Lyman C. Bartee, Austin and Bill Howard, Quanah**

Switzerland was the first country to mint a coin of nickel. This was in 1881

NLG's Best Book Award Goes To S. Apfelbaum

The Numismatic Literary Guild's Best Book of the Year Award was presented to Stanley Apfelbaum, president of First Coinvestors, Inc., publishers of **Financial Management of Your Coin/Stamp Estate**, at the recent American Numismatic Association convention in St. Louis. This 235-page hardcover book is the most complete guide ever written for those who desire security—and tax savings—while preserving and enjoying their numismatic or philatelic collections, dealer's stock or investment portfolio.

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By the 5th century B.C., both the Greeks and the Chinese had made progress in the art of coinage.

Mint Mark Plans For 1980 Announced

Stella B. Hackel, Director of the U.S. Mint, announced that for the first time in history, a "P" mint mark will be placed on the ten-cent, quarter-dollar and half-dollar coins produced by the Philadelphia Mint in 1980, in addition to the five-cent coin, on which the "P" mark first appeared during the war years 1942-45. Susan B. Anthony dollar coins produced at Philadelphia in 1980 will continue to bear the "P" mint mark.

Mrs. Hackel said, "The introduction of the 'P' mint mark on the four different denominations will provide for the public the coinage production source of the circulating coins minted at the Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco Mints."

In 1980, one-cent coins produced for circulation in Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco and the West Point Bullion Depository will bear no mint marks. At present there is considerable withdrawal from circulation by collectors of "D" marked one-cent coins. Elimination of any distinction among coins should increase the circulating one-cent pool.

With the exception of the one-cent coins the "D" mintmark will continue to appear on all denominations struck at Denver.

All proof coins, including the proof one-cent coin, and the Susan B. Anthony dollar coins produced for circulation by the San Francisco Assay Office will bear the "S" mint mark.

53 CENT DOLLARS

The price of silver bullion in 1896 made the silver dollar worth only 53 cents. William Jennings Bryan, campaigning for a more realistic composition of the dollar, issued a series of medals, some of which bore the legend, "IN GOD WE TRUST FOR THE OTHER 47 CTS."

During the Renaissance it was common practice to place medals in the foundations of newly constructed buildings

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